



H.RES. 645 – EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 645 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) on September 10, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on House Administration, but was never considered.

H.Res. 645 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 645 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the professional manner in which the United States Capitol Police carry out their diverse missions;
- Expresses appreciation for the dedication United States Capitol Police officers have for protecting the Capitol Complex; and
- Commends the United States Capitol Police for their continued courage and professionalism in protecting the Capitol Complex and its employees and visitors.

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) was founded in 1828, after the son of John Quincy Adams was assaulted under the Capitol Rotunda. The force was charged with keeping Members of Congress safe and protecting the Capitol building. Over the years, the jurisdiction of the USCP has grown and the size of the force has greatly increased. Today's police are charged with keeping the Capitol safe from terrorist attacks as well as other threats that may emerge. The USCP has exclusive jurisdiction within the United States Capitol Grounds. The USCP has 1,700 members as of 2007. Phillip D. Morse is the current Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police.

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